Docket No.: KONDO 7

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

METHOD FOR DETECTING...

Sir:

For:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

*REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application PCT/JP99/05964, filed October 28, 1999, which designated the United States, and which application was not published in the English language.